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Chief, Industrial Division 21 July 1950

THRU : Chief, Analysis Division
Chief, USSR Branch

Review of Proposed Sample of Gas Cutting and Welding Equipment for [redacted] Machinery Ruble-Dollar Ratio Study

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1. Attached, for your retention, are two copies of the Soviet side of the proposed sample of gas cutting and welding equipment, prepared by [redacted] is shortly to begin work on the U.S. portion of the sample.

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2. In order to provide [redacted] with the proper guidance, it would be appreciated if the appropriate branch in your division would review this sample and furnish us its comments.

a. These comments should include its views as to (1) the representativeness of items selected for the sample, (2) important items missing from the sample which should be included, (3) the adequacy of the Soviet specifications as a basis for selecting comparable U.S. items, and (4) U.S. models which are considered to be directly comparable to the Soviet models.

b. Where additional items should be included in the sample, please furnish Soviet specifications and ruble prices or indicate sources where this information may be found. References to additional studies containing comparisons of Soviet and U.S. gas cutting and welding equipment would also be appreciated.

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c. In order to forward these comments promptly directly to [redacted], we would appreciate it if you would put them in an unclassified attachment to your reply to this request and furnish two extra copies of the unclassified attachment.

3. It would be appreciated if these comments could be received in A/U by 1 August 1950.

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Attachment:

25X1A5a1 [redacted] proposed sample of gas cutting and welding equipment

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